

### REMARKS

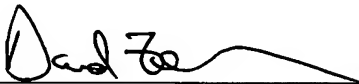
Claims 57-100 are pending in this application, with claims 1-56 canceled. Amendments have been made to conform the specification to U.S. patent law and to delete the multiple dependency and reference numerals in the claims. Applicant is providing a substitute because of the extensive amendments made to the description. The substitute also includes the new claims 57-100 renumbers as claims 1-44. A marked-up copy of the specification is enclosed, which shows the amendments made to the description. No new matter was added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Consideration of the application and allowance of the claims at an early date is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned agent.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 297912004300

Respectfully submitted,

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